

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KHARTO 00704 011437Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 AF-08 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 NEAE-00 CIAE-00
DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01
PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 AID-05 MCT-01 SSM-03 /098 W
-----011500 091973 /43

P R 011326Z MAR 77
FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3765
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
AMEMBASSY AMMAN
AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS PRIORITY
USMISSION GENEVA
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0704

DEPT PASS ALL ARAB POSTS

GENEVA FOR MEPC

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR SU EG SY XF
SUBJECT: KHARTOUM TRIPARTITE SUMMIT

REF: KHARTOUM 668 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENTS ASSAD, SADAT AND NIMEIRI HELD INSTANT
SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM FEB 27-28. PRIMARY PURPOSE APPEARS TO HAVE
BEEN PROVIDE FORUM FOR SUDANESE ADHERENCE UNIFIED POLITICAL
COMMAND AND SYMBOLIC EXPRESSIONS OF CLOSE RELATIONS, MUTUAL
SUPPORT AND AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT ISSUES. COMMUNIQUE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KHARTO 00704 011437Z

AFFIRMS CURRENT ARAB POSITIONS ON MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICAN
ISSUES AND NOTES THAT SECURITY AND SAFETY OF RED SEA ALSO
DISCUSSED. WE THINK PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF DISCUSSION WAS ON
HOSTILE LIBYAN ACTIVITIES, PROBLEMS IN HORN, AND SOVIET
ACTIVITIES IN AREA. END SUMMARY.

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BRIEF SUMMIT MEETING AMONG PRESIDENT ASSAD, SADAT AND NIMEIRI WHICH BEGAN SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FEB 27, ENDED LESS THAN 24 HOURS LATER WITH DEPARTURE GYPTIAN AND SYRIAN PRESIDENTS FOR FURTHER TALKS IN CAIRO. PRIMARY PURPOSE CONCLAVE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TO LET SUDAN JOIN SYRO-EGYPTIAN UNIFIED POLITICAL COMMAND AND TO PERMIT THREE LEADERS MAKE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED AND SYMBOLIC EXPRESSIONS OF CLOSE RELATIONS, MUTUAL SUPPORT AND AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT ISSUES.

3. IN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED EVENING FEB 28 (ASSUME FULL TEXT AVAILABLE THROUGH FBIS), THREE LEADERS AGREED MORE DIRECT CONTACTS AND INTENSIFIED EFFORTS NEEDED TOWARD REALIZATION OF SOLIDARITY AND INTEGRATION. THEY SIGNED DECLARATION ESTABLISHING UNIFIED POLITICAL COMMAND AMONG GOVERNMENTS OF THREE STATES, THIS ELEVATING SUDAN TO EQUAL STATUS WITH SYRIA VIS-A-VIS EGYPT. END UNCLASSIFIED/BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT - THIS CORRECTS WHAT NIMEIRI REGIME WAS QUICK TO SEE AS INVIDIOUS DISTINCTION WHEN SYRO-EGYPTIAN JOINT COMMAND SET UP LAST DECEOMBER BY-PASSING WIDE-SCALE SUDANESE/EGYPTIAN COORDINATION. END COMMENT. END CONFIDENTIAL/BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

4. COMMUNIQUE BROKE NO NEW GROUND ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES, NOTING ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW TO PRE-JUNE 1967 BOUNDARIES AND THAT NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS MUST BE SAFEGUARDED. SADAT, ASSAD AND NIMEIRI REAFFIRMED NECESSITY OF PLO PARTICIPATION IN ANY PEACE CONFERENCE. THEY CALLED ON US AND USSR AS CO-CHAIRMAN GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE TO STAND FIRM IN CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 KHARTO 00704 011437Z

FACE ISRAELI MANEUVERS AIMED AT JEOPARDIZING PROCESS OF PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST.

5. ON OTHER ISSUES, THREE PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY IN LEBANON, CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY ARAB PEACE-KEEPING FORCES, AND PRESERVATION OF LEBANESE INTEGRITY. THEY CALLED FOR ARAB COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR TO PROVIDE 'MATERIAL AID' TO LEBANON. TRADITIONAL SUPPORT WAS EXPRESSED ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES AND FOR NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. COMMUNIQUE ALSO GAVE MODEST COVERAGE TO DISCUSSION SECURITY AND SAFETY OF RED SEA, NOTING IT SHOULD BE ZONE OF PEACE. THREE COUNTRIES TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN PREPARING UNIFIED STRATEGY ON WHICH OTHER RED SEA AREA COUNTRIES COULD BE ASKED ADHERE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL

6. COMMENT. NO ONE, INCLUDING SENIOR GOS OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED, SEEMS TO HAVE VERY CLEAR IDEA OF PURPOSES OR

RESULTS OF SUMMIT. MOST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT WAS NO DOUBT THAT IT TOOK PLACE AT ALL. CLEARLY, ASSAD, SADAT AND NIMEIRI FOR VARYING REASONS, WISHED TO MAKE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED STATEMENT OF MUTUAL SUPPORT. THIS HAS EFFECT OF AT LEAST APPEARING TO DRAW SUDAN CLOSER TO MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS AT TIME WHEN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IS LIKELY TO BE INTENSIFIED. WHETHER THIS WILL PROMPT POSITIVE ECHO FROM SOUTHERN SUDANESE MAY BE DOUBTED. SIGNALLING OF EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR SUDAN AGAINST ANY ANTAGONISTS, NOTABLY LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA LIKELY BE MORE WIDELY WELCOMED. WHILE SUPPORT ON ARAB ISSUE WAS FORMULATED IN STANDARD TERMS, THESE BEAR NO RELATION TO FAMOUS "THREE NO'S" OF KHARTOUM SUMMIT AFTER SIX-DAY WAR, SHOWING HOW FAR ARABS HAVE TRAVELLED IN LAST DECADE FROM EARLIER ADAMANT STAND.

7. WE ASSUME THREE LEADERS HAD IN MIND SAUDI PLEASURE OVER THEIR COMING TOGETHER, NOT ONLY AS ANTI-QADHAFI BUT ALSO
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 KHARTO 00704 011437Z

ANTI-SOVIET BASIS. PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF MEETING WAS THUS NOT SO MUCH ON WELL-KNOWN MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AS COMMUNIQUE IMPLIES BUT RATHER ON LIBYAN THREAT AND PROBLEMS IN HORN.

8. THIS IN TURN, WE THINK, LED TO REVIEW OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AREA. PUBLIC REFERENCE BY NIMEIRI AFTER FIRST SESSION TO NEED FOR TRIPARTITE STAND "TO COPE WITH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES" BEING INTERPRETED LOCALLY AS REFERRING TO REVIEW OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES. ON BALANCE, SUMMIT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY PUBLIC RELATIONS EXERCISE, BUT AS ONE ARAB DIPLOMAT TOLD US, THIS IS IMPORTANT IN ARAB WORLD.
BREWER

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ALL ARAB POSTS.

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SUMMIT MEETINGS, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 01-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977KHARTO00704
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770070-0324
Format: TEL
From: KHARTOUM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t197703106/aaaadppe.tel
Line Count: 153
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 870728ad-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 KHARTOUM 668
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2953086
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KHARTOUM TRIPARTITE SUMMIT
TAGS: PFOR, SU, EG, SY, XF, (NUMAYRI, JAFAR MUHAMMAD), (SADAT, ANWAR), (AL ASSAD, HAFIZ)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/870728ad-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009